



Welcome to Ripley County Highlights

2005 Edition

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SUMMARY OF RIPLEY COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Ripley County's population estimate for 2004 was 27,509, up 3.9 percent from the 2000 Census total. During this same time period, Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569 was up by 2.6 percent.

According to the 2000 Census 13,441 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. That represented 78.9 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population, 1,962 or 11.5 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2004, of the 350 persons graduating high school that year, 242 or 69.1 percent intended to go on to higher education.

A total of 3,974 workers or 23.2 percent of the workforce commuted into the county in 2003. Franklin County was sending the most workers into Ripley County. Conversely, 5,345 or 28.9 percent of the labor force commuted to work outside of the county. The state of Ohio received the most workers from Ripley County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 5.0 percent, below Indiana's annual average of 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 14,880. Of that labor force 14,140 were employed and 740 were unemployed.

For the year 2004 there were 14,262 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was manufacturing with 22.5 percent of the total industry employment and education and health services second at 14.9 percent. The industry showing the most growth in workers over a three year period (since 2001) was education & health services increasing by 179 workers or 9.2 percent above 2001. Thirteen percent of employers in the county employed 20 or more workers and those represented 78.3 percent of all employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$32,971 per year versus Indiana's \$34,693. The county average wage was an increase of 2.4 percent over the 2001 county industry average wage. Only one of Ripley County's 11 industry supersectors (including government) had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's financial activities industry had the highest average earnings at \$48,173 per year, with manufacturing second at \$44,781, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was leisure and hospitality services at \$10,084. The same industries statewide paid an average \$43,304, \$47,638 and \$13,875 per year, respectively.

POPULATION

RIPLEY COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

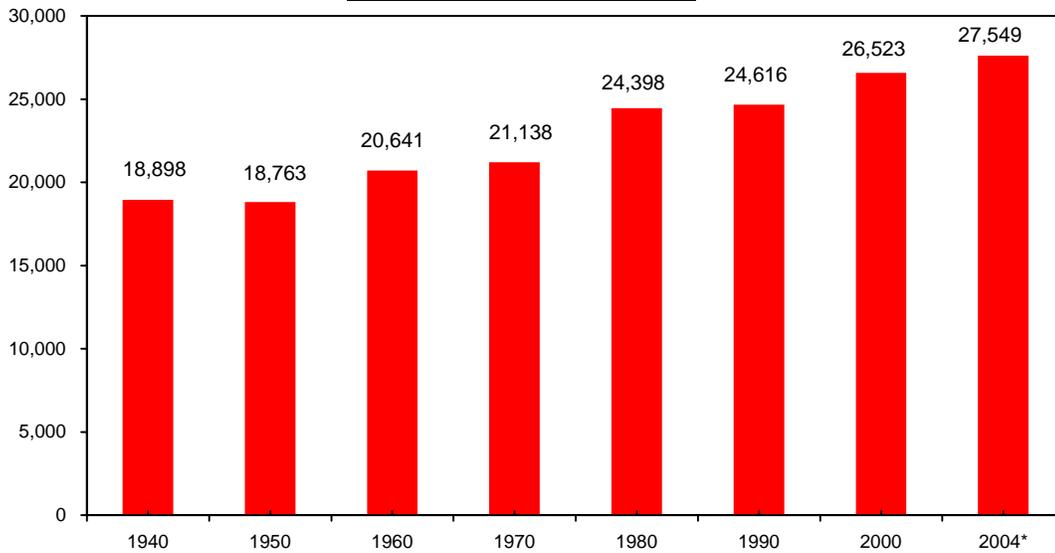
| COUNTY & Cities/Towns | 1990 CENSUS | 2000 CENSUS | 2004* POPULATION ESTIMATES | NUMERICAL CHANGE FROM 2000-2004 | PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2000-2004 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| RIPLEY CO | 24,616 | 26,523 | 27,549 | 1,026 | 3.9% |
| BATESVILLE | 4,720 | 6,033 | 6,365 | 332 | 5.5% |
| MILAN | 1,529 | 1,816 | 1,812 | (4) | -0.2% |
| OSGOOD | 1,688 | 1,669 | 1,661 | (8) | -0.5% |
| SUNMAN | 724 | 805 | 806 | 1 | 0.1% |
| VERSAILLES | 1,791 | 1,784 | 1,771 | (13) | -0.7% |

RIPLEY COUNTY POPULATION

| YEAR | POPULATION | NUMERICAL CHANGE | % CHANGE |
|-------|------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1940 | 18,898 | 820 | 4.5% |
| 1950 | 18,763 | (135) | -0.7% |
| 1960 | 20,641 | 1,878 | 10.0% |
| 1970 | 21,138 | 497 | 2.4% |
| 1980 | 24,398 | 3,260 | 15.4% |
| 1990 | 24,616 | 218 | 0.9% |
| 2000 | 26,523 | 1,907 | 7.7% |
| 2004* | 27,549 | 1,026 | 3.9% |

* population estimate

RIPLEY COUNTY POPULATION



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1940-1990 Census and Stats Indiana 2000 Census and 2004 Population Estimate

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

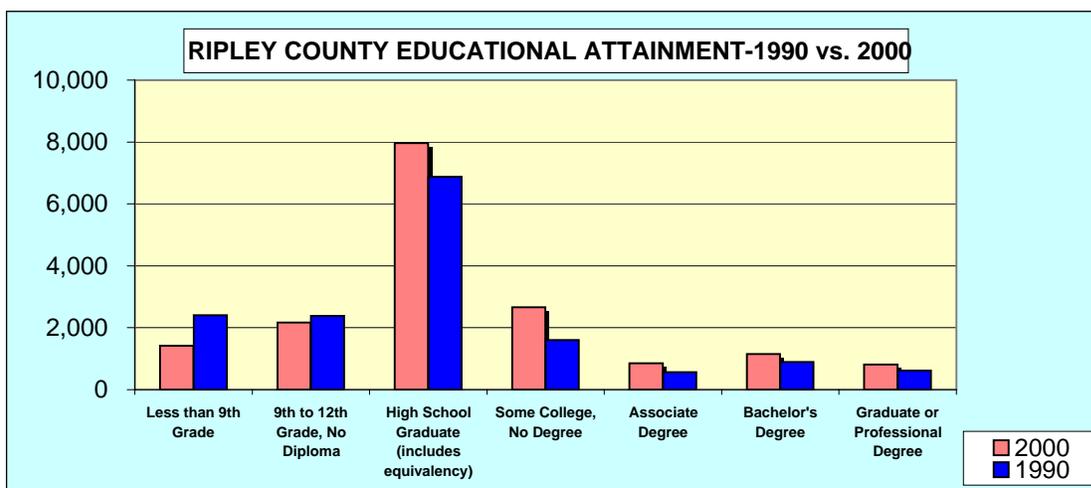
RIPLEY COUNTY

2004 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

| EDUCATION INTENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Graduates | 350 | 100.0% |
| Total to Higher Education | 242 | 69.1% |
| Four-Year Institution | 202 | 57.7% |
| Two-Year Institution | 25 | 7.1% |
| Vocation/Tech. Institution | 15 | 4.3% |

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

| EDUCATION LEVEL | 1990 | % IN 1990 | 2000 | % IN 2000 |
|---|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Less than 9th Grade | 2,401 | 15.7% | 1,415 | 8.3% |
| 9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma | 2,380 | 15.5% | 2,171 | 12.8% |
| High School Graduate (includes equivalency) | 6,876 | 44.9% | 7,967 | 46.8% |
| Some College, No Degree | 1,600 | 10.4% | 2,663 | 15.6% |
| Associate Degree | 569 | 3.7% | 849 | 5.0% |
| Bachelor's Degree | 893 | 5.8% | 1,150 | 6.8% |
| Graduate or Professional Degree | 612 | 4.0% | 812 | 4.8% |
| TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER | 15,331 | 100% | 17,027 | 100% |



Sources: Indiana Business Research Center, Stats Indiana and U.S. Census Bureau.

COMMUTING PATTERNS

RIPLEY COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS

| | |
|---|--------|
| Number of persons who live in Ripley County and work (labor force) | 18,474 |
| Number of persons who live in Ripley County and work in Ripley County | 13,129 |
| Number of persons who live out of and work in Ripley County | 3,974 |
| Total number of persons who work in Ripley County (work force) | 17,103 |

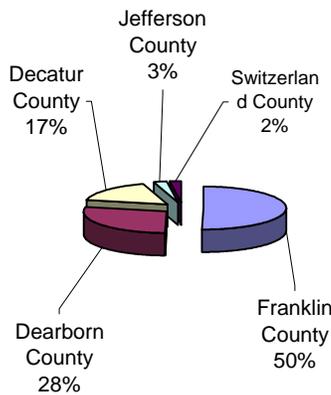
Top five counties sending workers INTO Ripley County:

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Franklin County | 1,689 |
| Dearborn County | 946 |
| Decatur County | 566 |
| Jefferson County | 85 |
| Switzerland County | 78 |
| Total of above | 3,364 equals 19.7% of work force |

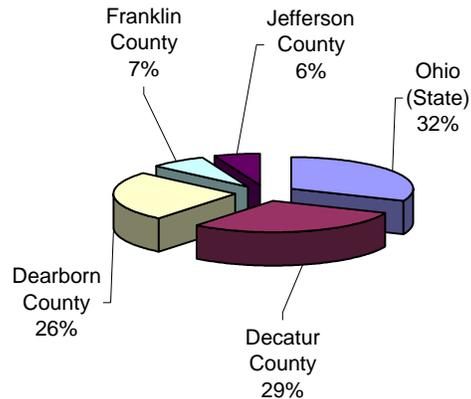
Top five counties receiving workers FROM Ripley County:

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|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ohio (State) | 1,287 |
| Decatur County | 1,199 |
| Dearborn County | 1,052 |
| Franklin County | 302 |
| Jefferson County | 255 |
| Total of above | 4,095 equals 22.2% of labor force |

Top five counties sending workers INTO Ripley County:

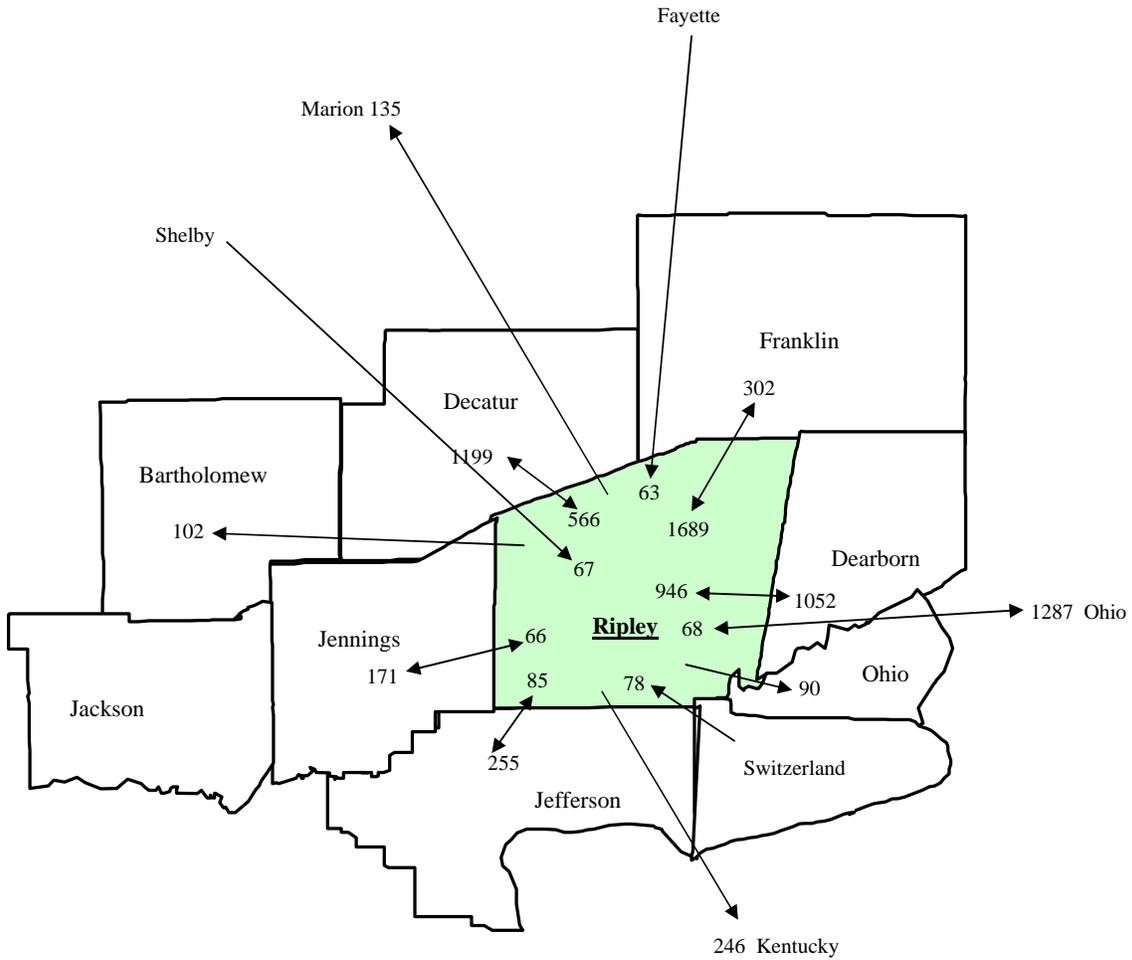


Top five counties receiving workers FROM Ripley County:



COMMUTING PATTERNS MAP

RIPLEY COUNTY



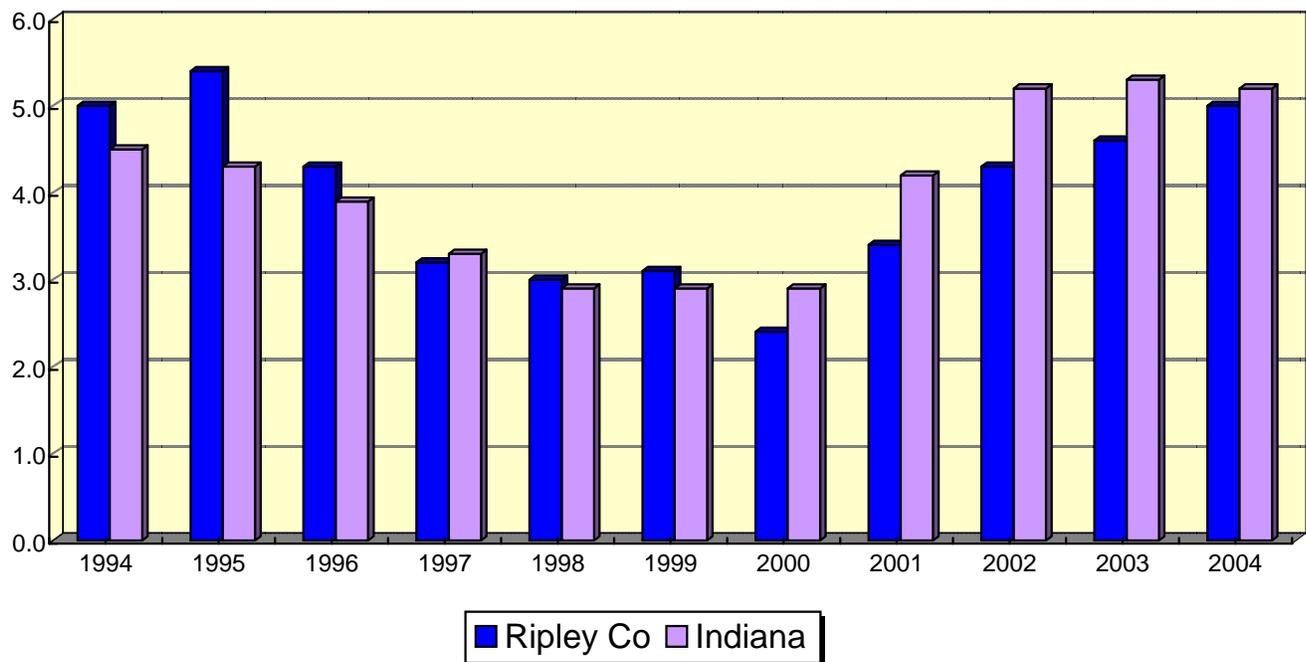
Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue IT-40 Returns for Tax Year 2003. Report generated by STATS Indiana, January 26, 2005. Counts of under 50 are not included. Commuters to/ from IL, MI, KY, OH, WI, and PA are reported separately and are not included in the 'Out of State' category.

LABOR FORCE INFORMATION

RIPLEY COUNTY LABOR FORCE (1994 - 2004)

| YEAR | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYED | UNEMPLOYED | Ripley Co RATE | Indiana RATE |
|------|-------------|----------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1994 | 13,360 | 12,700 | 660 | 5.0 | 4.5 |
| 1995 | 13,700 | 12,960 | 740 | 5.4 | 4.3 |
| 1996 | 13,510 | 12,930 | 580 | 4.3 | 3.9 |
| 1997 | 13,390 | 12,960 | 430 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| 1998 | 13,590 | 13,180 | 410 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| 1999 | 13,780 | 13,360 | 420 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| 2000 | 13,780 | 13,440 | 340 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| 2001 | 14,040 | 13,560 | 480 | 3.4 | 4.2 |
| 2002 | 13,990 | 13,390 | 600 | 4.3 | 5.2 |
| 2003 | 14,660 | 13,990 | 670 | 4.6 | 5.3 |
| 2004 | 14,880 | 14,140 | 740 | 5.0 | 5.2 |

**AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Ripley County vs. Indiana 1994-2004**



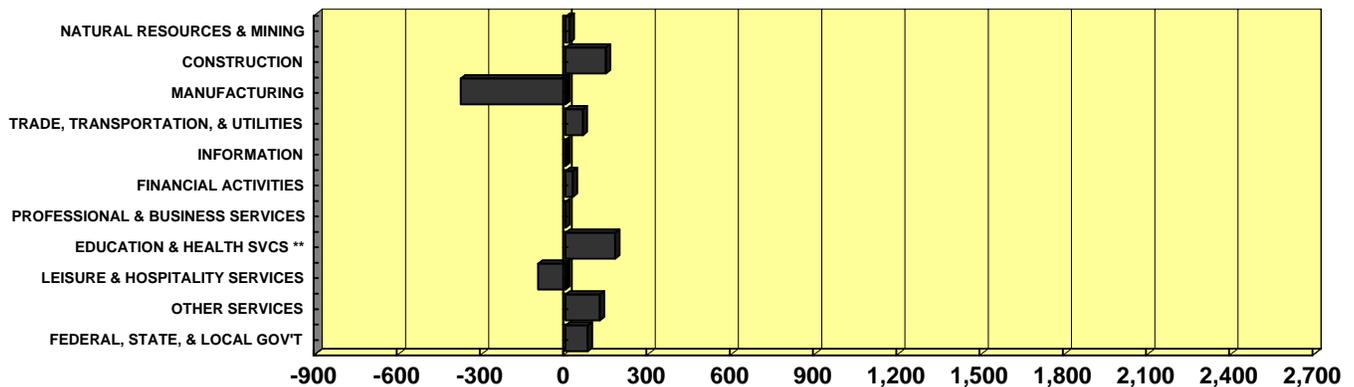
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Reflects new modeling approach and reestimation as of March 2005.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

RIPLEY COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

| INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)* | 2004 NO. OF FIRMS | AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT | | | | NUMERICAL CHANGE 2001-2004 | PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2004 |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | | |
| ALL INDUSTRIES ** | 723 | 13,218 | 12,926 | 13,982 | 14,262 | 1,044 | 7.9% |
| NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING | 22 | 136 | 138 | 139 | 151 | 15 | 11.0% |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting | | | Confidential | | | | |
| Mining | | | Confidential | | | | |
| CONSTRUCTION | 122 | 549 | 603 | 623 | 695 | 146 | 26.6% |
| MANUFACTURING | 46 | 3,592 | 3,215 | 3,025 | 3,215 | -377 | -10.5% |
| TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES | 181 | 2,021 | 1,963 | 1,929 | 2,084 | 63 | 3.1% |
| Wholesale Trade | | | Confidential | | | | |
| Retail Trade | 117 | 1,281 | 1,213 | 1,156 | 1,244 | -37 | -2.9% |
| Transportation & Warehousing | 34 | 478 | 470 | 500 | 581 | 103 | 21.5% |
| Utilities | | | Confidential | | | | |
| INFORMATION | 9 | 117 | 100 | 106 | 116 | -1 | -0.9% |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 60 | 514 | 477 | 489 | 541 | 27 | 5.3% |
| Finance & Insurance | 42 | 478 | 441 | 445 | 501 | 23 | 4.8% |
| Real Estate, Rental & Leasing | 18 | 36 | 36 | 44 | 40 | 4 | 11.1% |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | | | Confidential | | | | |
| Professional & Technical Services | | | Confidential | | | | |
| Management of Companies & Enterprises | | | Confidential | | | | |
| Administrative & Waste Services | | | Confidential | | | | |
| EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES ** | 76 | 1,940 | 2,012 | 2,045 | 2,119 | 179 | 9.2% |
| Educational Services ** | 12 | 799 | 804 | 801 | 839 | 40 | 5.0% |
| Health Care & Social Assistance ** | 65 | 1,140 | 1,208 | 1,245 | 1,280 | 140 | 12.3% |
| LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES | 53 | 956 | 945 | 938 | 858 | -98 | -10.3% |
| Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation | 7 | 93 | 97 | 115 | 118 | 25 | 26.9% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 46 | 863 | 848 | 823 | 740 | -123 | -14.3% |
| OTHER SERVICES | 63 | 227 | 317 | 347 | 351 | 124 | 54.6% |
| FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT | 43 | 1,361 | 1,374 | 1,414 | 1,442 | 81 | 6.0% |

Change in Ripley County Industry Employment 2001 To 2004



* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. ** Includes private and government employment in this industry.

Confidential = Data suppressed due to confidentiality restrictions.

Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, and duplication of government employment numbers. 2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted.

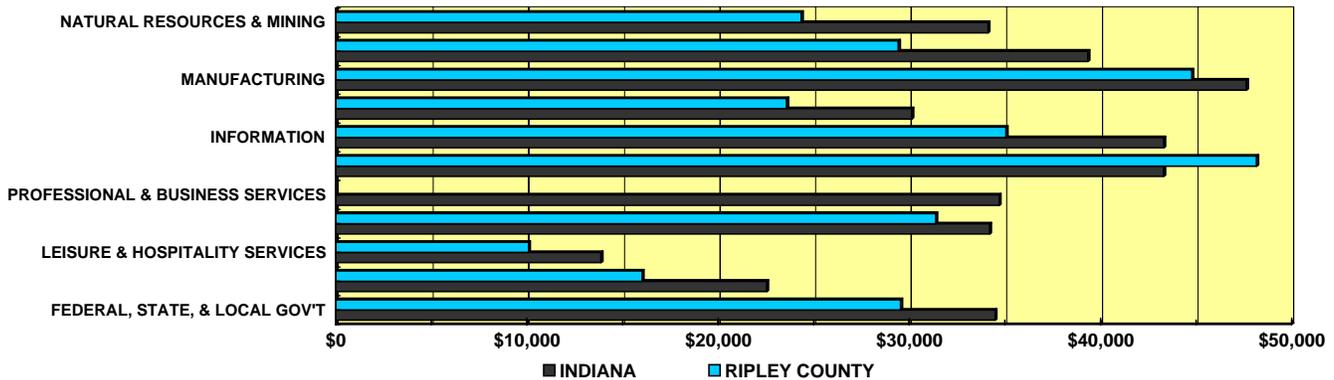
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment

INDUSTRY EARNINGS

RIPLEY COUNTY EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

| INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)* | RIPLEY COUNTY | | | | CHANGE 2001 to 2004 | | INDIANA 2004 WAGES | 2004 RIPLEY % DIFFERENCE FROM INDIANA |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
| | 2001 WAGES | 2002 WAGES | 2003 WAGES | 2004 WAGES | DOLLARS | PERCENT | | |
| ALL INDUSTRIES ** | \$32,195 | \$36,947 | \$33,352 | \$32,971 | \$776 | 2.4% | \$34,693 | -5.2% |
| NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING | \$23,787 | \$23,887 | \$23,813 | \$24,354 | \$567 | 2.4% | \$34,117 | -40.1% |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting | Confidential | | | | | | \$25,490 | |
| Mining | Confidential | | | | | | \$49,836 | |
| CONSTRUCTION | \$28,379 | \$28,297 | \$28,490 | \$29,427 | \$1,048 | 3.7% | \$39,343 | -33.7% |
| MANUFACTURING | \$39,854 | \$53,936 | \$51,982 | \$44,781 | \$4,927 | 12.4% | \$47,638 | -6.4% |
| TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES | \$21,546 | \$22,516 | \$23,161 | \$23,587 | \$2,041 | 9.5% | \$30,126 | -27.7% |
| Wholesale Trade | Confidential | | | | | | \$46,107 | |
| Retail Trade | \$17,907 | \$17,448 | \$17,476 | \$18,360 | \$453 | 2.5% | \$21,445 | -16.8% |
| Transportation & Warehousing | \$29,412 | \$31,923 | \$32,901 | \$31,521 | \$2,109 | 7.2% | \$35,135 | -11.5% |
| Utilities | Confidential | | | | | | \$62,844 | |
| INFORMATION | \$26,192 | \$32,900 | \$33,914 | \$35,061 | \$8,869 | 33.9% | \$43,315 | -23.5% |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | \$49,897 | \$36,143 | \$39,567 | \$48,173 | -\$1,724 | -3.5% | \$43,304 | 10.1% |
| Finance & Insurance | \$52,571 | \$37,871 | \$41,933 | \$50,633 | -\$1,938 | -3.7% | \$48,404 | 4.4% |
| Real Estate, Rental & Leasing | \$14,219 | \$14,970 | \$15,560 | \$17,605 | \$3,386 | 23.8% | \$28,852 | -63.9% |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | Confidential | | | | | | \$34,701 | |
| Professional & Technical Services | Confidential | | | | | | \$45,324 | |
| Management of Companies & Enterprises | Confidential | | | | | | \$66,811 | |
| Administrative & Waste Services | Confidential | | | | | | \$22,727 | |
| EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES ** | \$28,782 | \$30,197 | \$30,821 | \$31,387 | \$2,605 | 9.1% | \$34,206 | -9.0% |
| Educational Services ** | \$30,273 | \$31,371 | \$32,369 | \$31,547 | \$1,274 | 4.2% | \$33,107 | -4.9% |
| Health Care & Social Assistance ** | \$27,727 | \$29,416 | \$29,824 | \$31,283 | \$3,556 | 12.8% | \$34,965 | -11.8% |
| LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES | \$8,899 | \$9,324 | \$9,739 | \$10,084 | \$1,185 | 13.3% | \$13,875 | -37.6% |
| Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation | \$14,300 | \$15,370 | \$17,537 | \$17,886 | \$3,586 | 25.1% | \$25,802 | -44.3% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | \$8,317 | \$8,633 | \$8,653 | \$8,840 | \$523 | 6.3% | \$11,574 | -30.9% |
| OTHER SERVICES | \$15,295 | \$13,881 | \$15,470 | \$16,035 | \$740 | 4.8% | \$22,543 | -40.6% |
| FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT | \$27,665 | \$28,692 | \$28,869 | \$29,548 | \$1,883 | 6.8% | \$34,484 | -16.7% |

Ripley County and State of Indiana
2004 Earnings comparison



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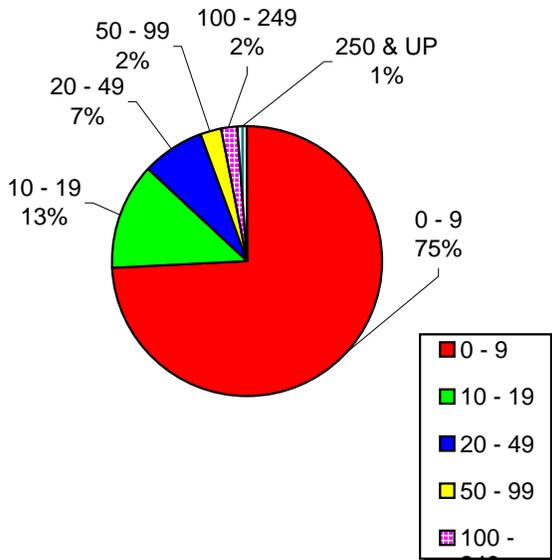
FIRMS & EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

RIPLEY COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

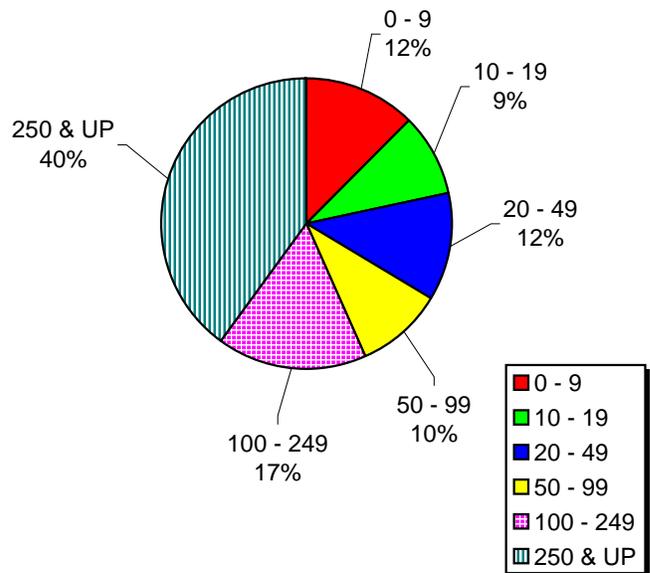
| UNIT SIZE (Number Employed) | NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004 | EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE MARCH 2004 |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 0 - 9 | 534 | 1,703 |
| 10 - 19 | 93 | 1,267 |
| 20 - 49 | 54 | 1,648 |
| 50 - 99 | 18 | 1,315 |
| 100 - 249 | 14 | 2,292 |
| 250 & UP | 8 | 5,475 |
| TOTAL | 721 | 13,700 |

Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

BUSINESS UNITS by SIZE
1st Quarter 2004



EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE
March 2004



Source: Covered Employment, Research & Analysis, Strategic Research & Development, Indiana Department of Workforce Development



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TECHNICAL NOTES

For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on *how* products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on *what* is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the Manufacturing industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for Manufacturing may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

Example: An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the Professional and Business Services industry under NAICS, rather than in Manufacturing. The same is possible for other industries.

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication we will be classifying economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

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The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

Natural Resources & Mining includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining.

Construction

Manufacturing

Trade, Transportation & Utilities includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing.

Information includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, ISPs, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

Financial Activities includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

Professional & Business Services includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

Education & Health Services includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

Leisure & Hospitality includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

Other Services includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grant making, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

Federal, State & Local Government includes total government employment.

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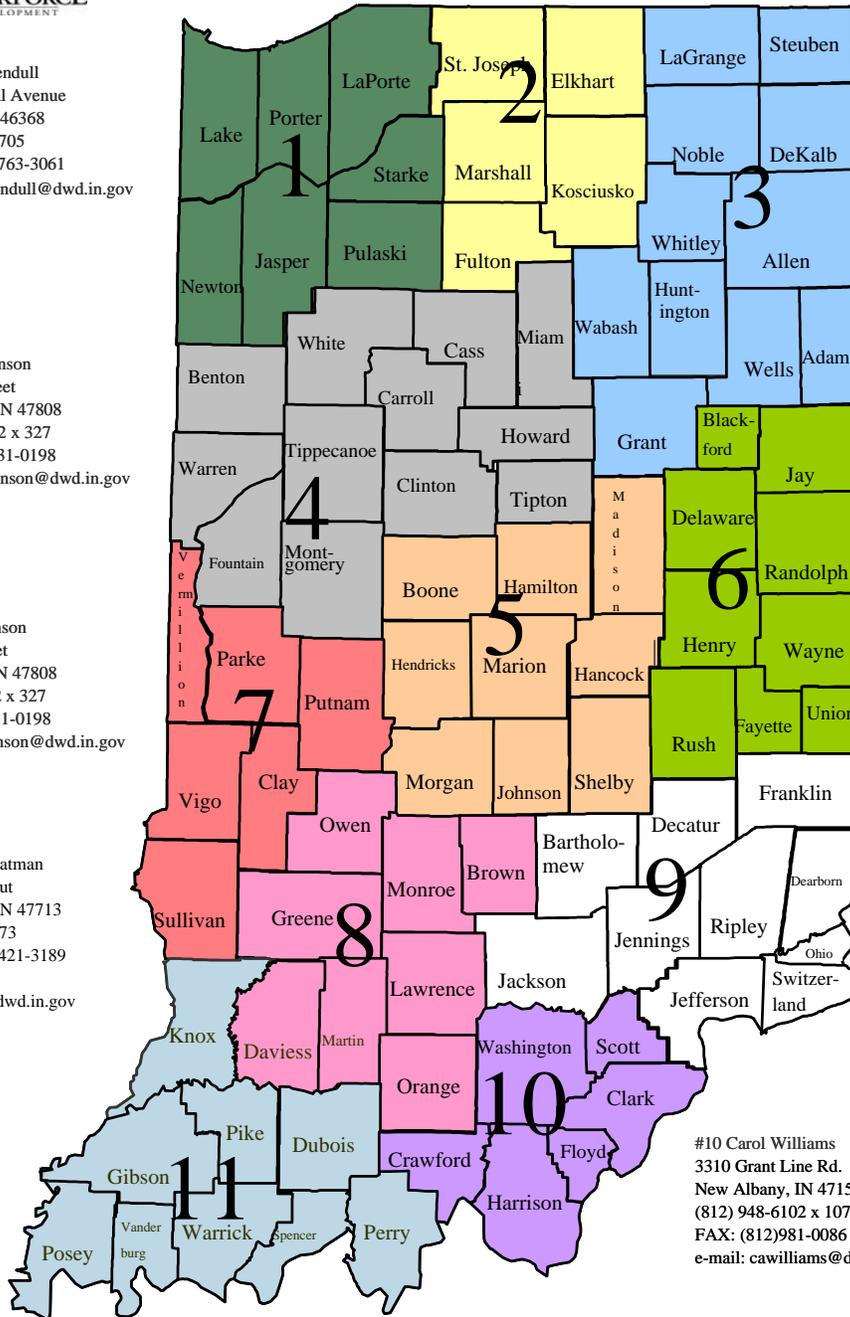
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